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(SBU) We delivered reftel points July 2 to Greek MFA D-1 (United Nations and International Organizations Affairs) Counselor Dimitrios Papandreou, who welcomed our message as a helpful follow-on to discussions of broadening the concept of participation at the plenary session of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) in New York on May 29. Papandreou agreed that there were a variety of important ways to contribute to the fight against piracy. On Cyprus specifically, Papandreou said that although Cyprus might lack military resources, it could for example decide to contribute to the proposed international trust fund for counter-piracy. He expressed hope that this broad approach to participation would allow the CGPCS get beyond membership controversies and spend more energy on coordinating international policy in the fight against piracy. Papandreou was eager to remain in contact with us as the USG gauges reaction from Turkey and other CGPCS participants to determine if there will be sufficient support to resolve this issue at the next CGPCS plenary. SPECKHARD